

# Wing holds 1st bare-base deployment

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The 377th Air Base Wing conducted an Operational Readiness Exercise, which ended yesterday evening. For 39 hours, wing members were deployed to a bare-base Kirtland AFB site where their mission was to provide base support to an existing humanitarian aid mission. 127 participants faced exercises day and night during the deployment and could not leave the area. Scenarios were created to closely mirror situations that could be expected during a real-world operation. During the 39-hour Phase II exercise, players were faced with some of Mother Nature's tests as well. Due to the warm weather, snakes and other critters were attracted to the site. Albuquerque's spring wind also paid a visit to the troops during their deployment. With wind gusts up to 35 miles per hour, the desert dust wasn't much of a blessing.

RIGHT—Col. Linda Jones, 377th Mission Support Group commander, discusses the process to harden tent city during the deployment. BELOW—Senior Airman Shakiesha Sharpe, 377th Contracting Squadron (left), and Airman 1st Class Nicholas Baker, 377th Comptroller Squadron, talk about an unexploded ordnance sweep. MIDDLE RIGHT—Staff Sgt. Shawn Riley, Staff Judge Advocate (left), and 2nd Lt. Lance Rawlings, 377th Contracting Squadron, use the Air Force Handbook 32-4014 to determine what type of unexploded ordnance they found. BOTTOM—Senior Airman Shakiesha Sharpe, 377th Contracting Squadron, marks off an unexploded ordnance after an attack. BOTTOM RIGHT—377th Logistics Readiness Squadron member catches some sleep in the work station between shifts.



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LEFT CENTER—10 mobile toilets were provided to the 127 participants at the Phase II exercise deployment site.

BELOW—(from left to right) Chap., Capt., Amy Hunt, 377th Air Base Wing, Master Sgt. Melinda Goken, 377th Air Base Wing, and Master Sgt. David Dehon, 58th Training Squadron, provide snacks from a morale van to the deployed Airmen.



ABOVE— Airman 1st Class Koufra Girven, 377th Comptroller Squadron, staffs the cashiers cage during the Operational Readiness Exercise.

LEFT—Tech. Sgt. Rodolfo Borrego, 377th Comptroller Squadron (middle), and Tech. Sgt. Tanya Williams, 377th Plans and Programs (right), respond to inputs from Chief John Knutson, 377th Comptroller Squadron, Inspector General Exercise Evaluation Team member.